

SUBJECT No. 172.

Permission to take wood for agricultural implements, etc., from the State Forests in maidan parts.

Messrs. Marulasiddappa, and Dasappa, Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Permission is given to take wood for agricultural purposes from district forests in the maidan taluks. But these district forests do not contain any wood fit for the purpose. It is therefore prayed that permission may be granted to take wood for agricultural implements, etc., from the State forests in the maidan taluks.

Reply of Government.—The Government will be prepared to let the people have the timber required for agricultural implements from State forests at concession rates, in tracts containing no district forests.

SUBJECT No. 173.

Grant of unreserved wood for agricultural purposes.

Messrs. Lingappa, Harihar Sub-Taluk, and Gurusiddappa, Jagalur Taluk

Summary of discussion.—Unreserved wood in the Malebennur and other State forests in the district may be allowed to be cut and removed for agricultural purposes on payment of seigniorage at 4 annas per cart without restriction as to coupes.

Reply of Government.—Noted. (*Vide* reply to the previous representation.)

SUBJECT No. 174.

Kanholders to be permitted to have full rights of disposing dry wood in their kans.

Mr. Channabasappa Gowda, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The kanholders enjoyed originally full rights over dry wood in their kans. This enabled them to construct substantial houses and good granaries. These ancient rights of the kanholders have been now curtailed by the Forest Department. The dead trees are often surrounded by pepper, vine, cinnamon and other trees yielding valuable kan produce. When such trees are cut by the Forest department or private individuals, disputes invariably arise between them and the kanholder regarding the kan produce. Several trees thus felled remain where they are and become useless for any purpose. As the kanholder pays assessment for the kan in his holding, he may be permitted to remove for his *bona fide* use all dry wood except sandal.

Reply of Government.—Further concessions seem uncalled for.

SUBJECT No. 175.

Free grant of mature trees in Soppinabetta lands.

Mr. A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the *Soppinabetta* lands assigned for the benefit of supari gardens in the malnad, there are several mature trees which do not yield any *soppu* and their existence is in fact a hindrance to the free growth of *soppu* in other trees. It is prayed that the ryots may be allowed to remove such trees free of cost for their own domestic use, after obtaining permission therefor.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 176.

Grazing rights in State Forests.

Messrs. Ramappa, and Rangappa, Srinivasapur Taluk,

Withdrawn.